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1. CHINA

IN REPLY TO QUESTION AT 8/17 NEWS CONF, PRES CARTER
REITERATED COMMITMENT TO NORMALIZING RELS W/PRC, BUT SAID
HE COULD OFFER NO TIMETABLE. NOTED "NEW IMPRESSION THAT
I HAVE OF THE LEADERSHIP IN CHINA" BEING "MORE OUTREACHING,
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MORE OUTGOING," AND PROMISED "RESPOND IN GOOD FAITH" (AP'S
GERZTENZANG, PHINQ; WP'S WALSH/RUSSELL).

REUTER (8/17) REPORTS CH'AI TSE-MIN CONFERRED THURS W/
BRZEZINSKI IN AMB'S FIRST CALL AT WH; WILL SEE PRES AFTER
CARTER'S RETURN SEPT 1 FROM HOLIDAY DUE TO BEGIN 8/18,
OFFICIALS SAID. CH'AI ACCOMPANIED TO WH BY HAN HSU;
HOLBROOKE/OKSENBERG WERE OTHER US OFFICIALS PRESENT AT
30-MINUTE MTG.

IN BUCHAREST, HUA KUO-FENG HARSHLY CRITICIZED SOVIETS ON 2ND DAY OF ROMANIAN VISIT, WARNING THEY "WILL BE TURNED TO DUST UNDER THE IRON BLOWS OF THE PEOPLE" (WSJ). HUA MET HEADS OF DIPLO MISSIONS--INCLUDING US AMB AGGREY--DURING PRIVATE RECEPTION (AP, SUN). UPI (BUCHAREST WSTAR 8/17)

SAYS HUA HAS BECOME "TOAST OF ROMANIA'S CAPITAL, THANKS TO A FEW STRONG WORDS OF WARNING AIMED AT MOSCOW." AP PHOTOS OF HUA/CEAUSESCU DANCING HORA CARRIED IN WSTAR, LAT-- BOTH 8/17).

AP (TACHING) REPORTS OIL WORKERS BATTLING SEVERE CLIMATE DRILLING FOR NEW RESERVOIRS IN 19-YR-OLD OIL FIELD, TO HELP FILL CHINA'S GROWING PETROLEUM NEEDS (LAT 8/17).

PEKING HAS OFFERED PROVIDE PAKISTAN TECHNOLOGY TO REPROCESS SPENT NUKE FUEL/EXTRACT PURE PLUTONIUM, INFLUENTIAL URDU-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER "JANG" REPORTED WEDS. SAID OFFER MADE RECENTLY BY VICE PREMIER KENG PIAO IN ISLAMABAD (REUTER LAT 8/17).

ROC'S GROWTH RATE IN STEEL PRODUCTION IN 1ST HALF THIS YR WAS HIGHEST AMONG 29-MEMBER COUNTRIES OF INTL IRON AND UNCLASSIFIED

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STEEL INSTITUTE, ACCORDING SURVEY RELEASED BY INSTITUTE, CHINESE INFO SERVICE REPORTED THIS WK (JOC TAIPEI SPEC).

2. CHINA/VIETNAM

ACCORDING REUTER'S PRITCHETT (PEKING), SRV APPEARS HAVE GIVEN WAY TO PRC ON KEY POINT IN THEIR DISPUTE, INDICATING HANOI IS READY LET THOUSANDS OF ETHNIC CHINESE STRANDED AT BORDER RETURN TO THEIR HOMES IN VN. SAYS APPARENT CONCESSION CAME AT TUESDAY'S 2ND ROUND OF TALKS. VNA REPORTED CHINESE AGREED TO VIET DEMAND, BUT MADE NO COMMENT. SAYS W DIPLOS NOTED STATEMENT WORDED TO SAVE FACE FOR VN/CLEARLY MET KEY CHINESE POINT FOR SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE (ALSO WSJ).

3. VIETNAM

FEDRL JUDGE AGREED WEDS TO RELEASE CONVICTED SPY RONALD HUMPHREY IF HE CAN RAISE 150,000-DOL BOND. DECISION MADE AFTER SUPREME COURT JUSTICE BRENNEN MADE CODEFENDENT DAVID TRUONG ELIGIBLE FOR BOND (WP 8/17).

4. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

THAILAND HAS BEGUN LONG-TERM RESETTLEMENT PROJECTS FOR 115,000 INDOCHINESE REFUGEES WHO MAY NEVER BE SETTLED ABROAD, ACCORDING INTERIOR MIN'S DISPLACED-PERSONS CENTER.

SPOKESMAN SAID RTG/UNHCR HAD BEGUN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION/ PROGRAMS IN AGRIC, BLACKSMITHING, HANDICRAFTS (REPORTED BRIEFLY ONLY IN PHINQ).

5. KAMPUCHEA/THAILAND

CAMBODIAN DEP PM IENG SARY HAS NOTIFIED RTG HIS GOVT PREPARED TO EXCHANGE AMBS, THAI FONMIN UPADIT SAID THURS (AP, WP BANGKOK).
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6. SINGAPORE

SWITZERLAND WILL SELL SINGAPORE 150 OLD FRENCH-MADE AMX-TANKS IN WHAT CALLED 1ST-EVER TANK SALE BY SWISS. SWISS GOVT SPOKESMAN SAID TANKS OUT OF DATE/HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW SINGAPORE INTENDED USE THEM (AP BERN, WSJ).

7. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

RMN/WIFE WILL MAKE 2-DAY PRIVATE VISIT TO AUSTRALIA NEXT MONTH, GOA ANNOUNCED FRI. IN 2ND OVERSEAS TRIP SINCE HE RESIGNED, NIXON WILL VISIT SYDNEY/CANBERRA/MAY ALSO FLY TO NZ/OTHER PAC COUNTRIES (REUTER CANBERRA).

TEN-DAY JOINT NAVAL EXERCISE ("FLEETEX 2-78") BEGAN THURS IN E PAC W/36 SHIPS/240 AIRCRAFT/14,000 SAILORS AND AIRMEN TAKING PART FROM US/BITAIN/CANADA/NZ. US VICE ADM GRAVELY, CMDR US 3RD FLEET, WILL DIRECT EXERCISE OFF CALIF COAST (REUTER 8/17).

8. SOLOMON ISLANDS

LAT'S HILLINGER (GUADALCANAL 8/16) DOES FEATURE ON JACOB VOUZA, 82, PRIMARY CHIEF ON GUADALCANAL/USMC HONORARY SERGEANT MAJOR. SAYS VOUZA IS FOLK HERO IN ISLS BECAUSE OF REFUSAL TELL JAPANESE CAPTORS IN WWII WHERE MARINE POSITIONS WERE/FEAT OF ESCAPING AND CRAWLING THRU JUNGLE W/BAYONET WOUNDS TO PROVIDE US W/JAPANESE POSITIONS. SAYS HE HAS ALWAYS DREAMED OF SOLOMONS BECOMING PART OF US, STILL SEES THAT POSSIBILITY IF ISLS DON'T MAKE GOOD ON OWN.

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9. JAPAN

REUTER (8/17) REPORTS AGRIC MIN NAKAGAWA WILL VISIT US 9/4-8 TO DISCUSS IMPORTS OF AMERICAN CITRUS FRUIT/BEEF, JAPAN EMB SAID THURS. EMB ECON MIN FUKADA SAID HE WOULD

NOT PREDICT WHETHER NAKAGAWA WOULD "COME WITH A LOT OF CONCESSIONS" TO TALKS W/STRAUSS, "BUT I DO HOPE THEY'LL HAVE A VERY FRUITFUL TALK." ADDED THAT JAPANESE OFFICIALS VISITING AMERICA HAD IMPRESSION US SERIOUSLY WANTS JAPAN DROP TRADE RESTRICTIONS ON THESE COMMODITIES.

WP CARRIES FULL-PG AD FROM "MANDARIN ORANGE GROWERS OF EHIME PREFECTURE" PROTESTING US INSISTENCE THAT JAPAN FREE IMPORTS OF US AGRIC PRODUCTS INTO JAPAN.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. CHINA

SUN'S LEWTHWAITE NOTES PRES CARTER, AT THURS NEWS CONF, "HAD ENCOURAGING WORDS" FOR "NEW IMPRESSION" THAT POST-MAO CHINESE LEADERSHIP IS BECOME "MORE OUTREACHING." POINTS OUT PRES CITED HUA'S ROMANIA JOURNEY--"TRIP GENERALLY SEEN," SAYS LEWTHWAITE, "AS PART OF PEKING'S ANTI-SOVIET STRATEGY"--AS INSTANCE OF PRC'S "REACHING OUT IN A SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP." COMMENTS THAT CARTER'S REMARKS "BOUND TO BE READ SOURLY IN MOSCOW," WHERE KREMLIN LEADERS SUSPECT HIM OF REPEATEDLY PLAYING "CHINA CARD." HOLDS THAT BY SINGLING OUT HUA'S VISIT TO "ONE OF THE MORE INDEPENDENT" EASTERN BLOC NATIONS WHERE CHINESE LEADER MADE SHARP/ BARELY DISGUISED ATTACK ON SOVIET "HEGEMONISM," PRES "CLEARLY WAS INTENT ON TOUCHING A RAW KREMLIN NERVE."

CBS' BERNARD KALB CITES "HUAIST CHINA"--"WHOLE NEW KIND OF CHINA THAT'S BEEN EMERGING; AND IN AN ODD WAY, THAT FACT HAS NOT YET FULLY REPLACED THE IMAGE OF 'MAOIST CHINA'" WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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"STILL LINGERS ON INACCURATELY." SEES "NEW CHINA" IN SYMBOLIC TERMS FOUND IN HUA'S CURRENT ROMANIA VISIT, WHERE HE'S PICTURED DANCING/HORA/KISSING BABIES. SAYS CHINESE "NOW DOING THINGS WE SAID THEY'D NEVER DO," MAKING "GREAT LEAP" TOWARD GOAL OF MODERNIZATION. NOTES ONE DAY YOU READ THAT PEKING IS NOW TURNING TO THE WEST FOR OIL TECHNOLOGY; ANOTHER DAY THAT CHINA IS SHOPPING FOR WESTERN ARMS; SHAKESPEARE, REGARDED BY MAOISTS AS SUBVERSIVE AUTHOR, HAS SUDDENLY BEEN GIVEN "VISA"; AND US SCIENTISTS RETURN FROM PEKING W/WORD OF POSSIBLY EXPANDED SINO-US SCI/TECH COOP.

KALB NOTES "FLEXIBILITY HAS REPLACED SLOGANS, PRAGMATISM IDEOLOGY" IN CHINA--NOT COMPLETELY, BUT ENOUGH TO LEAVE LAST GENERATION OF CHINA WATCHERS SLIGHTLY OVERWHELMED. SEES IN HUA "DANCING AND KISSING HIS WAY THROUGH ROMANIA" NOT ONLY KIND OF THUMBING PEKING'S NOSE AT SOVIETS; IT'S ALSO SYMBOL OF WHAT SOME MIGHT CALL "CHINA NUMBER 3, AFTER TAIWAN'S CHINA AND MAO'S CHINA."

SUN'S TREWHITT (8/17) VIEWS HUA'S TRAVELS AS "MEASURE OF CHANGE--TO AMERICAN ADVANTAGE, TO SOVIET DISADVANTAGE"--IN W PAC; FOR HUA HARDLY WOULD DARE VISIT EEUR, DEFYING SOVIET WISHES, UNLESS RELS W/US WERE STABLE. AS TO NORMALIZATION

WITH PEKING, TREWHITT SAYS THERE STILL IS NO CERTAINTY US WILL BE ABLE COMPROMISE ITS GUARANTEES TO ROC IN WAY TO PERMIT FORMAL RELS W/PRC THO "SIGNS POINT IN THAT DIRECTION."

CSM'S HARSCH SPECULATES THAT HUA "MUST BE ENJOYING THIS WHOLE TRIP WITH MORE THAN USUAL IMPISHNESS," SINCE HE WENT TO EEUR WITH FEATHER IN HIS CAP OF FRIENDSHIP PACT W/JAPAN. UNCLASSIFIED

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SEES HUA, BY GOING TO ROMANIA/YUGOSLAVIA/IRAN, REMINDING SOVIET THAT PRC, TOO, CAN PLAY AT ENCIRCLEMENT GAME.

IN BUCHAREST, CSM'S BOURNE SEES HUA VISIT PROCEEDING ON 2 DISTINCT BUT DIFFERENT LEVELS: EXUBERANT WARMTH IN PUBLIC WELCOME OF CHINESE LEADER; AND LOW-KEY DIPLOMACY ON TENSIONS/DIVISION OF INTL RELS. SAYS LATTER POINT REFLECTS ROMANIA'S GREAT CONCERN NOT TO OFFEND SOVIET, WHICH HAS VIEWED HUA'S TOUR W/DISPLEASURE.

DODER (WP, BUCHAREST) OBSERVES THAT WHILE HUA, IN WEDS NIGHT BANQUET SPEECH, DID NOT SINGLE OUT BY NAME WHICH POWER SEEKING DOMINATE WORLD, HIS REMARKS APPEARED PRIMARILY DIRECTED TOWARD MOSCOW. AND ALTHO HE AVOIDED TYPE OF ATTACKS ON SOVIET THAT HAVE BECOME CUSTOMARY IN SPEECHES MADE BY SENIOR PEKING FIGURES, HIS MESSAGE TO KREMLIN WAS ALSO CLEAR.

"CHINA ECONOMIC TIES" EDITOR JOHN KAMM (HK) NOTES DEPARTMENT STORES THRUOUT PRC, IN DRAMATIC SHIFT IN POLICY, ARE NOW SELLING WESTERN LUXURY GOODS, INCLUDING JAPANESE TV SETS/SWISS WATCHES/JAPANESE SYNTHETIC FABRIC, ACCORDING RECENT VISITORS THERE. KAMM FEELS THIS COULD MEAN NEW SALES PROSPECTS FOR WESTERN FIRMS; BUT HE CAUTIONS THAT PRC NOT ABOUT TO FORGO IMPORTS OF TOP-PRIORITY PRODUCER GOODS, SUCH AS COMPLETE PLANTS/INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS, IN FAVOR OF CONSUMER BOOM IN SUCH ITEMS AS TOILETRIES/COSMETICS. KAMM PREDICTS CAMERAS WILL BE NEXT CONSUMER GOOD CHINA WILL BE BUYING FROM FON COUNTRIES. ALSO SEES NEWLY EMERGENT "NATIONAL BOURGEOISIE" IN CHINA WHICH INCLUDES DEPENDENTS OF OVERSEAS CHINESE/MIDDLE-SENIOR ECHELON BUREAUCRATS/GROWING PROFESSIONAL ELITE OF PROFESSORS, SCIENTISTS, TECHNICIANS, MANAGERS (AP HK SUN).

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THO SPEC COUNSEL JAWORSKI HAS W/DRAWN FROM HOUSE "KOREA-GATE" INQUIRY, ST LOUIS P-D'S WYANT (8/13) POINTS OUT CMTE HASN'T FINISHED ITS WORK--STILL TO DECIDE WHETHER HOLD HEARINGS ON 4 HOUSE MEMBERS IT HAS SINGLED OUT FOR "ALLEGED VIOLATIONS"/STILL TO GET INFO FROM KIM DONG JO. QUOTES

JAWORSKI THAT IT IS HIS HOPE HIS STEPPING ASIDE WILL CONTRIBUTE TO OPENING OF NEW NEGOTS W/ROKG THRU DOS.

12. GENERAL

WP EDIT CALLS HOUSE VOTE ON FON AID TRIUMPH NOT ONLY FOR GOOD SENSE, BUT FOR GOOD MANAGEMENT, AS WELL. SAYS RESCUE OF BILL WAS REMARKABLE EXAMPLE OF SKILLFUL LOBBYING IN NATL INTEREST, WHILE NOTING THAT HOUSE PASSED 2 AMENDMENTS INVOLVING INDIRECT AID TO VN/CUBA THAT WILL MAKE SERIOUS TROUBLE IF SENATE DOES NOT DELETE THEM. CONTENTS OTHER COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTING TO WB (WHICH GIVES INDIRECT US AID) SEE THESE RESTRICTIONS AS US ATTEMPT TURN CO-OP INTL AGENCY TO ITS OWN POL PURPOSES. POINTS OUT US CONTRIBUTION IS FOUNDATION FOR STRUCTURE OF OTHER NATIONS' MONEY, PLUS INVESTMENTS BY COMMERCIAL BANKS/PRIV LENDERS. CONCLUDES WOULD BE WANTON TO JEOPARDIZE STRUCTURE TO SCORE POINT IN US QUARREL W/2 SMALL UNDEVEL COUNTRIES.

LAT EDIT (8/17) CONDEMNS LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY SEN DOLE (R-KAN) TO RESTRICT USE OF NATL SCI FOUNDATION MONEY TO SUPPORT TRIPS TO RUSSIA BY US SCIENTISTS. SAYS EVEN THO PROPOSAL W/DRAWN, IDEA WILL PROBABLY RECUR IN ATMOSPHERE OF DETERIORATING RELS W/USSR. OBSERVES US SCIENTISTS DON'T NEED PROMPTING FROM WASHINGTON TO BECOME INCREASINGLY DISTURBED BY MISTREATMENT OF FELLOW SCIENTISTS IN INDONESIA/OTHER COUNTRIES AROUND WORLD. CONTENTS UNCLASSIFIED

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PERSONAL CONTACTS BETWN US/SOVIET SCIENTISTS VALUABLE TO US, IF ONLY TO KEEP TABS ON PROGRESS OF RUSSIAN SCIENCE. CONCLUDES CANCELLATION OF VISITS BY US SCIENTISTS SHOULD BE SELECTIVE/MADE BY SCIENTISTS THEMSELVES.

13. ADD NEWS - VIETNAM

EIGHT-MEMBER CONGRESSIONAL DEL LEFT FRI FOR VN/LAOS FOR TALKS ON MIAS/FUTURE OF US-VIET RELS. ACCORDING REUTER, GROUP, HEADED BY REP MONTGOMERY (D-MISS), CHOSEN BY SPKR O'NEILL IN RESPONSE TO INVITE FROM VIET DEP FONMIN PHAN HIEN. GROUP EXPECTED MEET PM PHAM VAN DONG SOMETIME AFTER THEY ARRIVE MONDAY. O'NEILL SAYS MISSION WILL PRO-

VIDE HOUSE "FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON STEPS BEING TAKEN
ON BEHALF OF MIAS AND ALSO FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES OF
VN." TALKS ALSO EXPECTED TOUCH ON POSSIBILITY OF US AID,
INCL PRIVATE TECH ASSISTANCE FOR DEVEL VIET NATL RESOURCES,
AND ON WHETHER VN INTENDS MAINTAIN IND COURSE IN WORLD
AFFAIRS AS OPPOSED TO BECOMING CLIENT STATE OF USSR/PRC.
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